

Adventure

A ROMANCE OF THE
SOUTH SEAS

By Jack London

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SYNOPSIS.

Sheldon, owner of Beranda plantation, though desperately ill, overcomes and controls the head-busting Solomon Islanders by force of will and weapons. Chief Seles calls with 40 men.

He returns Arunga, a runaway laborer. Sheldon has Arunga and Billy whipped to quell a mutiny. His nephew, a doctor, is killed. He takes charge of things.

She is a self-reliant American girl, a lover of adventure, a native of Hawaii and a captain. Her ship has been wrecked. She proves to Sheldon that she can shoot.

She resists his friendly suggestions, and they quarrel. She makes it plain that she is not materially inclined. She and Sheldon save two black women from death.

The savage laborers demand the women. Sheldon attempts to discipline them, and Joan shoots a native and saves his life. She sends him for making her shoot.

Satan, a savage dog, arrives. Despite Sheldon's warnings Joan goes to explore an island she contemplates buying. Financial difficulties threaten Sheldon.

He falls in love with Joan. Left alone by Sheldon, Joan has trouble with Gogomy and other natives. Armed savages arrive, and danger threatens Sheldon and Joan.

Joan fights them with a fake dynamite cartridge, and Satan drives them into the sea. Their chief is crushed. Sheldon finally accepts her as his partner.

Tudor and Von Bliz, gold seekers, arrive on the Martha. Joan and Tudor seem to intend each other. Sheldon becomes jealous.

Joan starts for Australia with her crew to buy a schooner, but stops at Gogomy and buys the Martha, which has been wrecked, for a mere trifle.

Capt. Auckland tells how she did it and explains her cleverness. Capt. Olson tells how she took the Philiberty Gibbet away from him to save the Martha.

"What do you think of them?" she asked when they had shaken hands. "And what do you think of her?" with a wave of the hand toward the Martha. "I thought you'd deserted the plantation and that I might as well go ahead and get the men into barracks. Aren't they beauties? Do you see that one with the split nose? He's the only man who doesn't hail from the Pooonga-Pooonga coast, and they said the Pooonga-Pooonga natives wouldn't recruit. Just look at them and congratulate me. They're men, every last one of them. I have such a long story I don't know where to begin, and I won't begin anyway till we're through with this and until you have told me that you are not angry with me."

"Ogu, what place belong you?" she went on with her catechism.

But Ogu was a bushman, lacking knowledge of the almost universal beche de mer English, and half a dozen of his fellows wrangled to explain.

"There are only two or three more," Joan said to Sheldon, "and then we're done. But you haven't told me that you are not angry."

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ONE OF THE HOUSE BOYS KAN HIM DOWN WITH THE NEWS.

long mate. Sparrowhawk, his face shining with admiration. "It was hard work, that's what it was. We earned our pay. She worked us till we fared half the time. So was she, for that matter, only she wouldn't stay down, and she wouldn't let us stay down. My word, she's a slave driver. An' the Lord knows, the way she made love to old Kina-Kina."

"He was older than Telepass and dirtier," she assured Sheldon, "and I am sure much wicker. Now I must run and wash up. Did the Sydney orders arrive?"

"Yours are in your quarters," Sheldon said. "Hurry, for breakfast is waiting. Let me have your hat and belt. Do, please, allow me. There's only one hook for them, and I know where it is."

She gave him a quick scrutiny that was almost womanlike, then sighed with relief as she unbuckled the heavy belt and passed it to him.

"I doubt if I ever want to see another revolver," she complained. "That one has worn a hole in me, I'm sure. I never dreamed I could get so weary of one."

Sheldon watched her to the foot of the steps, where she turned and called back:

"My. I can't tell you how good it is to be home again!"

"And Burnett said, 'Well, I'll be d—d! I beg your pardon, Miss Lackland, but you have wantonly broken the recruiting laws and you know it.' Captain Munster narrated as they sat over their whisky, waiting for Joan to come back. "And says she to him, 'Mr. Burnett, can you show me any law against taking the passengers off a vessel that's on a reef? What could Burnett do? He passed the whole hundred and fifty, though the Emily was only licensed for forty and the Philiberty Gibbet for thirty-five.'"

"But I don't understand," Sheldon said.

"This is the way she worked it. When the Martha was floated we had to bench her right away at the head of the bay, and while repairs were going on, a new rudder being made, sails bent, gear recovered from the niggers, and so forth. Miss Lackland borrows Sparrowhawk to run the Philiberty along with Curtis, lends me Brahms to take Sparrowhawk's place and starts both craft off recruiting. My word, the niggers came easy. It was virgin ground. Since the Scotch Chiefs no recruiter had ever even tried to work the coast. When we filled up we came back to see how the Martha was progressing."

"And thinking we was going home with our recruits," Sparrowhawk slipped in. "Lord knows, that Miss Lackland ain't never satisfied. 'I'll take 'em on the Martha,' says she, 'and you can go back and fill up again.'"

"But I told her it couldn't be done," Munster went on. "I told her the Martha hadn't a license for recruiting. 'Oh,' she said, 'it can't be done, eh? and she stood and thought a few minutes.'"

"And I'd seen her think before," cried Sparrowhawk, "and I knew at wunst that the thing was as good as done."

Munster lit his cigarette and resumed:

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MINING NEWS

PARRAL CONTINUES
OF CHIRICAHUA

Counter Revolt Talk Tends
to Halt Activity in the
State.

Chihuahua, Mex., Dec. 2.—To some extent a check is noticeable in the industry in this section of the state. Many reasons are advanced for the change, principally that counter-revolution talk is gaining much headway in the states and that it has a tendency to make capital timid. Improvement is very probable, but no great strides are looked forward to until the first of the year.

A strict analysis of the present trend indicates good groundwork with which to work by the mines that are operating now seem to be holding their own, while quite a number, even in the development stage, are being abandoned. The fact that the smelters throughout the state are working up to capacity speaks well for the noticeable check.

The Parral camp, in proportion to its range, is still leading other camps for activity. The increase this month will show at least 15 percent with the chances that within the next few months the percentage of gain will be doubled. The influx of Canadian and European capital to that district within the past 60 days is a fact of which the state is justly proud. Well known mining men give as a reason the success of the cyanide mill, which system seems to fit admirably well the peculiar grades of ores which the district produces.

In other districts throughout the state the situation is hardly worth bragging about. The whole situation summed up will average about fair with the chances that great strides will be made after the first of the year.

Paul Glinter, the Santa Rosalia mining operator, has taken an option on the Parral district, owned by Francisco Gomez and associates. The consideration will amount to nearly \$500,000.

It is reported that the Refugio mine, in the Parral district, is also under option to Paul Glinter, of Santa Rosalia.

The plant of the Parral Power and Reduction company has been purchased by the Colorado Mining and Milling company.

Gold ore has been discovered in the La Chamaquia and La Palma properties in the Parral district. The properties are owned by Gracioso Gomez and associates.

It is reported on good authority in the Parral district that a cyanide mill will be erected by the owners of the La Chamaquia and La Palma mines to treat the ore.

C. F. Spaulding, manager of the Veta Colorado mine and smelting company, in the Parral district, has resigned his position with the company.

David Penney, former manager of the Parral Power and Reduction company, has been named by the General Electric company as El Paso.

Antonio R. Cruz has denounced three persons in the municipality of Guadalupe in the district of Arizaga, under the name of "El Remache."

Three men continue to keep the water out of the Summit mine and watch the property, but no work has been received by the stockholders as to the plans for reorganization or the future policy of the management.

A planned fire run very high in gold was picked up about three miles north of Globe last week and has stimulated prospecting in the district.

The Cornudas mine, 12 miles south of Globe, is employing about 50 men. The inclined shaft is being sunk and is now about 800 feet deep. Cross-cutting is in progress on the 800 foot level, but no ore has yet been encountered.

Mark Brokenbush is doing assessment work on his claims, located on the Hog range, near and one mile from the Globe. The work so far done consists of a tunnel in 50 feet, a shaft down 55 feet, all of which is in good rock.

The Mammoth Copper company, which recently acquired control of the Five Points company, situated 13 miles southwest of here, has completed the wagon road and has a new hotel on the road and will rush development work on a large scale.

Telegrams from the east it is claimed, say that the Cole-Ryan syndicate has secured control of the Live Oaks property.

W. T. Kenay and T. Keyes have completed assessment work on their 17 claims adjoining the Live Oaks property. The road connecting with Cole and Goodman's road is completed and shipments of ore to the El Paso smelter will be commenced as soon as possible.

J. M. Douglas has arranged to commingle his claims with the Live Oaks claims adjoining the Miami Twentieth on the east.

A man prominent in the affairs of one of the large selling agencies says that in his opinion copper can be mined profitably at over 15 cents per pound with the metal strengthening the situation materially. Although it is somewhat early to forecast the next Copper Producers' statement, I believe that a large reduction in stocks will be shown both here and abroad.

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MOST ACTIVE
MINE DISTRICTS

THEY WANT TO
START THIS MONTH

Delayed Shifting for Miami
Is Received; Inspiration
Mill Starts

Globe, Ariz., Dec. 2.—Manager B. B. Gotschewer, of the Miami Copper company, states that the long delayed line shifting has arrived and that the fifth unit should start early in December, bringing the daily tonnage up to 250 tons. The mill is now producing about 30 tons of concentrates or day averaging 41 percent copper. The concentrate is shipped to Canada.

The slopes in the northwestern part of the mine are beginning to produce. There are three slopes being opened up, one of which is producing. The crosscut to the ore body from the main shaft, on the 570 foot level, has been advanced and is now about half way to the ore body. Installation of machinery in the power house continues and the second Nordberg compressor has been substituted.